

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated in the statement of reasons for allowance the following: “[t]he present invention is directed to a method for scanning data accessible via an internet link for malware. This data is pre-emptively retrieved and scanned for malware even though it has not been requested by a user. If the data is found to be malware-free, then a record of this is kept. If a user subsequently seeks to access the data associated with that embedded internet address, then the stored data may be referred to and if the internet address is found and the data associated with that address is unchanged since it was previously scanned, then that data may be supplied to the user without the need to be rescanned”...and that “no prior art teaches or fairly suggests, the limitation such as among other things, ‘pre-emptively retrieving, via an internet link, an addressed data that would be, bus has not yet been, accessed by a user following said at least one internet address.’”

In response, applicant points out that the independent claims are not necessarily limited to each of the features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Specifically, just by way of example, applicant independently claims that the data is “accessed,” and not necessarily “requested” or “referred to,” as indicated above. Further, applicant independently claims that the “addressed data is cached,” and not necessarily “stored,” as indicated above. Still yet, applicant’s independent claims make no mention of any “embedded” internet address.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of

the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P475_01.160.01).

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